

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate T.K. and Effie Watkins on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1951, T.K. and Effie Ellis were joined in holy matrimony, and since that momentous day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, depending upon their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, T. K. and Effie Watkins first met at a skating rink, fifty-two years ago, in Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, T.K. and Effie Watkins are highly respected citizens of Tennessee and their community; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, T.K. Watkins served with acumen as a self-employed plumber and electrician, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Effie Watkins diligently served as the head cook for the Walter J. Baird Junior High School, where she was well thought of by her coworkers, and the students and teachers she helped to nourish; and

WHEREAS, in their spare time the Watkins enjoy the company of their family and good friends, as well as various hobbies; Effie Watkins is fond of crocheting and is a talented cook; T.K. Watkins is an accomplished woodworker and avid fisherman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are faithful members of the Athen's Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom they regard as a great blessing; the Watkins children and their spouses are Ronald Watkins and his wife, Kathy Jones; Michael Watkins and his wife, Connie Dedman; and Sheila Watkins Perkins and her husband, Terry Perkins; and

WHEREAS, the Watkinses are also the proud grandparents of five: Heath Watkins, Kellie Watkins, Kristie Watkins, Jared Perkins, and Dustin Perkins; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Watkinses' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate T.K. and Effie Watkins on the joyous occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared or presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy